

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims of record 1 to 20 as follows:

Claim 1. (amended) A cross-member supporter adapted to pivotally connect at least two elongated stems of a foldable furniture, comprising:

a supporter body having a predetermined thickness, said supporting body having at least two vertical connecting holes and at least two inclined supporting holes provided therethrough, each of said inclined supporting holes being inclined in different direction, said at least two inclined supporting holes being respectively extended from top to bottom through at least two vertical connecting holes to form at least two supporting through slots, wherein an axis of said vertical connecting hole of each of said supporting through slots is intersected with an axis of said respective inclined supporting hole and a diameter of each of said vertical connecting holes is substantially equal to a diameter of each of said stems and said inclined supporting holes, wherein each of said supporting through slots (defines) provides an upper supporting groove surface and a lower supporting groove surface which are inclined in opposite direction, (moreover) said at least two elongated stems (are) being penetrated through and pivotally connected at said at least two supporting through slots respectively, (thereby,) wherein each of said elongated stems is (able) capable of ~~to~~ resting ~~and being~~ supported by (an) said upper supporting groove surface and (a) said lower supporting groove surface of said respective inclined supporting hole so as to form a cross construction.

Claim 2. (amended) A cross-member supporter, as recited in claim 1, wherein said two supporting through slots are parallelly provided on said supporter body and said at least two inclined supporting holes are inclined in opposite direction.

Claim 4. (amended) A cross-member supporter, as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least two vertical connecting holes are perpendicular to said supporter body.

Claim 3. (amended) A cross-member supporter, as recited in claim 2, wherein said at least two vertical connecting holes are perpendicular to said supporter body.

Claim 5 cancelled.

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Claim 6 cancelled.

Claim 7 cancelled.

Claim 8 cancelled.

Claim 11 cancelled.

Claim 12 cancelled.

Claim 19 cancelled.

Claim 20 cancelled.

#### **REMARKS-General**

1. Upon review of the original specification and in light of the observation of the Examiner noted in the above Office Action, the applicant has submitted an amendment to the original submitted specification above which is deemed to more clearly and distinctly describe the subject matter of the instant invention, and which provides full antecedent basis to the amended claims. No new matter has been included in the substitute specification.

#### **Response to Objection of the Drawings**

2. A set of corrected formal drawings, including Figs. 5 and 6, are respectfully submitted herewith. Figure 5 is a perspective view of the supporter body according to the second embodiment and the dotted lines thereon illustrating the three stems in vertical position, wherein the mistaken phantom lines have been omitted. Therefore only the upper supporting groove surfaces 423, 433, 443 are shown in the Figure 5 and the lower supporting groove surfaces are shown in Figure 6 wherein proper reference